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MEMORANDUM FROM THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION

CONCERNING

THE FRENCH PROPOSAL TO EXPORT CRYSTAL DIODES TO POLAND

REFERENCE: COCOM Doc. 3875

The United States Authorities have carefully studied the proposal submitted by the French Delegation on February 11 and the supplementary information provided to the Committee by the French Delegation on March 3.

It is the view of the United States authorities that:

1) the transistors described (THP 51, THP 47 and THP 52) are not embargoed by International List I but are covered by Watch List item 4545;

2) the diodes type 10J2 and 13J2 were previously embargoed under Item 1544(R) but these diodes were removed from embargo during the 1959 List Review;

3) the diodes, type 8123B, 8123C, 8021B, 8023B, 8023C, and 8121C are now embargoed by Item 1544(B)(1). These are microwave mixer diodes used for operation at 3000 and 10,000 mcs. The United States experts know of no use for such diodes except in micro-wave applications, principally radar. There is no known use for these diodes in short-wave radio or television sets as stated in the French memorandum. This is confirmed by the Thomson Houston technical data sheet provided by the French Delegation on March 3, which states that these diodes are for radar equipment.

The United States Delegation, therefore, has been instructed to enter an objection to the export of the diodes type 8123B, 8123C, 8021B, 8023B, 8023C and 8121C because these diodes are not appropriate to the end use for which they are claimed to be intended in the memorandum of the French Delegation